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Request for Admission of Amendment After Final Action

The admission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116 of the claim amendments of this response is respectfully requested. It is believed that the amendments place the subject Application in condition for allowance.

Statement of Allowable Subject Matter

In the subject final Office action, it was stated that Claim 4 was allowable in its present form.

Also in the subject final Office action, it was stated that Claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include the limitations of its base claim. However, as discussed in the telephone interview with Examiner Webb on 15 May 2003, the reference to a rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. 112 was inadvertent and so no response to that aspect is required. As required in the second portion of the statement of Allowable Subject Matter, Claim 22 has been amended in the present response to include the limitations of Claim 19, from which it formerly depended.

Summary of Response

In light of the above cancellation of claims and amendment of Claim 22, the requirements of the statement of Allowable Subject Matter in the subject final Office action have been met. Therefore, the allowance of pending Claims 4 and 22 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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